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FROM AMBASSADOR BENNETT

PLEASE PASS UNIDO

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SUBJ: US STATEMENT AT FINAL PLENARY AT UNIDO II

1. FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE RECORD ON UNIDO II, THERE IS REPEATED BELOW THE TEXT OF MY REMARKS IN THE FINAL PLENARY SESSION OF UNIDO II IN LIMA, MARCH 27, WHEN WE JOINED FRG, UK AND JAPAN IN INSITING ON VOTES ON CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS OF THE DECLARATION OF LIMA AND PLAN OF ACTION. THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN DICTATED FROM NOTES WHICH WERE USED FOR EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS.

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MR. PRESIDENT, IN VIEW OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR (2:30 A.M.), I REGRET HAVING TO ASK FOR VOTES ON SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS IN THE DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION BEFORE US FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION. I AM FULLY AWARE OF ALL THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THESE DOCUMENTS, AND IN THE CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT THE SECRETARIAT FOR ITS REALLY REMARKABLE

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WORK IN GETTING THE DOCUMENTS TRANSLATED AND PREPARED

IN SUCH HASTE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS BODY SO
THAT WE MIGHT BRING OUR CONFERENCE TO A CLOSE.

UNDER THE DIGNIFIED AND OBJECTIVE PRESENCE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, THERE HAVE BEEN DEDICATED
EFFORTS ON THE PART OF MANY OF US DURING THESE PAST
DAYS TO FIND POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND TO REACH COMPROMISE
ON DISPUTED LANGUAGE. I BELIEVE MY OWN DELEGATION HAS
WORKED AS HARD AS ANY AT THIS TASK, AND I WOULD LIKE
TO PAY TRIBUTE AT THIS TIME TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PUT
SO MANY HOURS OF EFFORT INTO REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON
LANGUAGE THAT WE CAN ALL ACCEPT. UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS
NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN IMPORT-
TANT POINTS.

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID IN RECENT DAYS BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GROUP OF 77 ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND THE
GROUP'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT CHANGES IN LANGUAGE WHICH
THEY CONSIDER TO COVER FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. I HAVE
NO DOUBT THAT THESE ARE FUNDAMENTAL, AND I WOULD NOT FOR
ONE MOMENT DENY THE ATTACHMENT TO THOSE PRINCIPLES OR
TO THE RIGHT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ANY COUNTRY TO STAND
BY ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

BUT OTHERS MUST REALIZE THAT WE, TOO, ON OUR SIDE
HAVE SOME FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. I AM SURE THAT THOSE
ON THE OTHER SIDE WOULD NOT DENY US THE RIGHT--IN FACT,
WOULD EXPECT US--TO MAKE KNOWN AND TO DEFEND OUR
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AS THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE KNOWN
AND DEFEND THEIR OWN. ON THE PARAGRAPHS ON WHICH SEVERAL
DELEGATIONS ARE ASKING FOR VOTES, WE DO INDEED HAVE
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES INVOLVED. THIS IS A CASE WHERE ONE
PRINCIPLE HAS MET ANOTHER, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE
TO FIND COMPROMISING OR RECONCILING LANGUAGE. WE,
THEREFORE, CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO PLACE ON THE
RECORD OUR DIFFERENCES SO THAT THERE MAY BE NO MIS-
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION--NOW OR HEREAFTER.

MR. PRESIDENT, THERE IS NO DESIRE HERE ON MY PART
OR THAT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO BE CONTENTIOUS. WE ARE
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NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION. WE HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO
PROPOSE TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE DOCUMENTS, AND WE ARE
NOT ASKING TO DEBATE THOSE ISSUES. THEY HAVE ALREADY
BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. IN THAT CONNECTION, I WOULD
POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE HELD TO A MINIMUM THE NUMBER OF
PARAGRAPHS ON WHICH WE ARE CALLING FOR A VOTE. WE HAVE
DOUBTS ON A GOOD MANY OTHER PARAGRAPHS, BUT WE HAVE
HELD THE NUMBER TO A MINIMUM. OUR PURPOSE IN ASKING

FOR VOTES ON A RESTRICTED NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS IS TO
RECORD OUR POSITION ON POINTS WHICH ARE OF FUNDAMENTAL
IMPORTANCE TO US. UNQTE.
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